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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE INFO BONN, BRUSSELS, THE HAGUE, HELSINKI, LUXEMBOURG, MOSCOW, PARIS, ROME, VIENNA, NATO, MAY 22, FROM LONDON RPTD TO YOU:

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1. TICKELL, HEAD, NATO DEPT AT FCO, TODAY RAISED WITH

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US REPORT TO ALLIES ON RECENT BREZHNEV- KISSINGER DISCUSSIONS (REFTELS). NOTING SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT MBFR NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD START ONLY AFTER CONCLUSION OF THIRD STAGE OF CSCE, TICKELL RECALLED TO US THAT BRITISH HAD MADE THEIR NEGATIVE VIEWS ON LINKAGE QUITE CLEAR TO US, OTHER ALLIES AND SOVIETS LAST FALL (SEE LONDON 10015 AND 10203 OF OCTOBER 1972). BRITISH REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF THIS SOVIET POSITION FOR THE ALLIANCE.

2. TICKELL THOUGHT IT IMPERATIVE THAT US (HE SAW IT AS US RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO) MAKE QUITE CLEAR TO SOVIETS THAT LINKAGE WAS UNACCEPTABLE. TICKELL SAID THAT EC NINE ARE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO RUSHING THROUGH SECOND STAGE OF CSCE WHICH THEY ENVISAGE AS NOT STARTING BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND RUNNING POSSIBLY UNTIL EARLY 1974. BRITISH CONCERN, TICKELL SAID, WAS THAT US, ANXIOUS TO GET MBFR NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY IN SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER TIME FRAME, MIGHT PRESSURE ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES TO MOVE RAPIDLY THROUGH SECOND STAGE OF CSCE. THIS EC NINE WOULD REFUSE TO DO AND CONSEQUENCE WOULD BE UNSEEMLY ROW IN NATO. IF, HOWEVER, US WOULD NOT BE DISTURBED BY SUBSTANTIAL SLIPPAGE OF SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER DATE FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, BRITISH WOULD HARDLY OBJECT. BUT IF, AS BRITISH ASSUMED, US STILL ATTACHED FIRST IMPORTANCE TO STARTING MBFR IN EARLY FALL, ONLY COURSE BRITISH COULD SEE WOULD BE FOR US TO LEAN ON RUSSIANS TO CONVINCE THEM TO DROP LINKAGE.

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